

EXECUTIVE SHAREHOLDER AND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

23 June 2022

Councillor Joss Bigmore (Chairman)

* Councillor Julia McShane (Vice-Chairman – in the chair)

* Councillor John Redpath

* Present

Councillor James Steel was also in attendance

Action By

6. Apologies for absence and notification of replacements

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Joss Bigmore. Councillor Bigmore was replaced at the meeting by Councillor James Steel.

7. Disclosure of interests

There were no disclosures of interest.

8. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held 26 May 2022 were approved as correct. The Chairman signed the minutes.

9. Allen House Grounds, Guildford

Allen House Grounds were bequeathed to the Council over 100 years ago by the then owner for use as a public recreation ground. The land was subject to restrictive covenants prohibiting the production, sale, and consumption of alcohol and the land could only be used for the purpose of public walks and pleasure grounds which benefit the inhabitants of the borough. Due to the charitable status of the land, any income generated by Allen House Grounds must be used in the best interests of the charity and the land's purpose.

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Allen House Grounds was a good location for community events that were enjoyed by and of benefit to residents. Such events would generate income to help maintain the park to high standards for visitors. It was proposed that it would be in the best interests of the trust to permit events serving alcohol, subject to all necessary licencing requirements being met. The Council had been unable to trace descendants of the original owner to negotiate the release of the restrictive covenants, and it was proposed that an indemnity insurance be taken out against any potential claims relating to alcohol being served at the site.

The Committee noted that the cost of the indemnity insurance would cost the Council around £200 per annum. The Committee,

Resolved:

1. That consent be given to holding events that include the sale and consumption of alcohol at Allen House Grounds, Guildford.
2. That indemnity insurance be taken against potential claims relating to the restrictive covenants prohibiting the sale and consumption of alcohol at Allen House Grounds.

Reason:

To permit events involving the sale and consumption of alcohol at Allen House Grounds, which will generate income for the trust and help fund the upkeep of the park.

The meeting finished at 6.07 pm

Signed

Date

Chairman